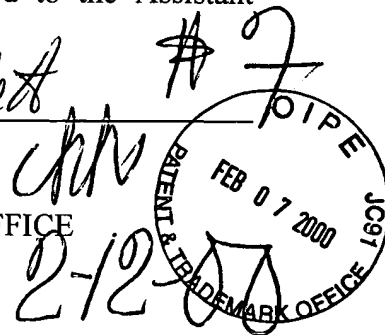


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Applicant : Richard Voellmy
Application No. : 09/304,121
Filed : May 3, 1999
For : MOLECULAR REGULATORY CIRCUITS TO ACHIEVE
SUSTAINED ACTIVATION OF GENES OF INTEREST BY A
SINGLE STRESS

Examiner : Jaya Satish, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1645
Docket No. : 870109.409
Date : January 31, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner:

Applicant herewith petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated November 26, 1999, from December 26, 1999 to February 26, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$190 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,
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